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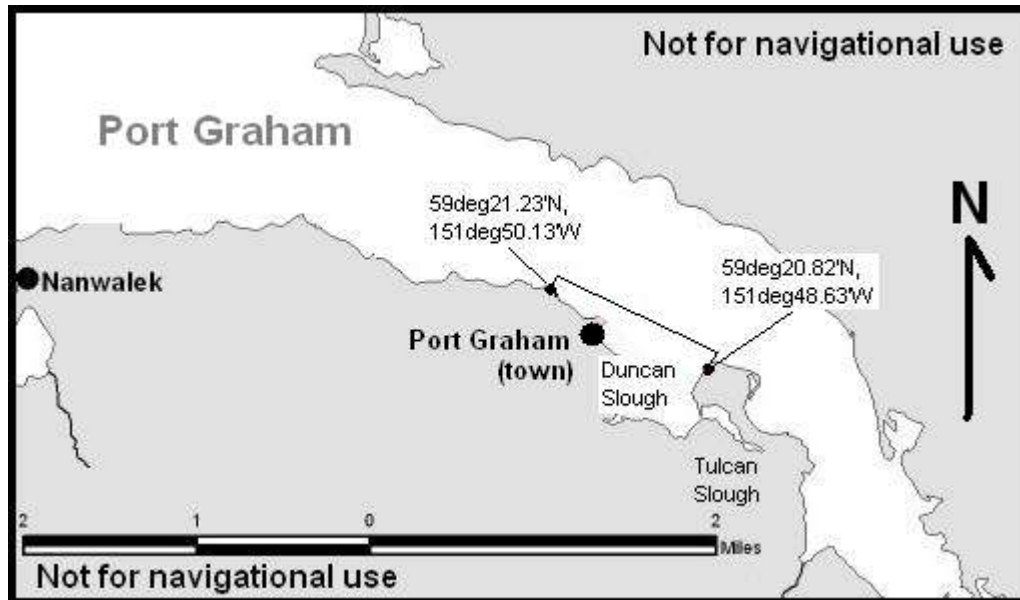
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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #12

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: The portion of the Port Graham Hatchery Special Harvest Area (SHA) within 500 feet of shore, from 59°21.23'N. lat., 151°50.13'W. long. to 59°20.82'N. lat., 151°48.63' W. long., including the waters of Duncan Slough and Tulcan Slough will open to SUBSISTENCE ONLY set gillnet harvest at 6:00 AM, Friday, July 6 and remain open until 10:00 PM, Sunday, July 8.



This area is anticipated to reopen to subsistence set gillnet harvest at 6:00 AM, Monday, July 9. This fishery is targeting hatchery returns from the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA) release of 112,000 fish in 2009. Subsistence fishing in the English Bay section remains CLOSED, as does fishing in all other areas of the Port Graham section.

Sockeye salmon counts at the English Bay River weir remain depressed with 2,120 fish counted as of July 4. The anticipated count for this date is 4,527 towards a minimum Sustainable Escapement Goal (SEG) of 6,000 fish for the season.

KAMISHAK BAY DISTRICT: Waters of the Chenik Subdistrict **including waters of the Chenik Lagoon** will reopen at 6:00 AM Friday, July 6 and Saturday, July 7 for two 16-hour fishing periods.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 6.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.